

J. STEVENSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 2009.

PN1173 ARMY nominations (141) beginning NATHANAEL L. ALLEN, and ending X001320, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 2009.

PN1174 ARMY nominations (155) beginning SCOTT C. ARMSTRONG, and ending D004309, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 2009.

PN1175 ARMY nominations (212) beginning MICHAEL W. ANASTASIA, and ending D003756, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 2009.

PN1191 ARMY nomination of Scott E. McNeil, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 17, 2009.

PN1192 ARMY nomination of Scott E. Zipprich, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 17, 2009.

PN1193 ARMY nomination of Mary B. McQuary, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 17, 2009.

PN1194 ARMY nominations (3) beginning MARVIN R. MANIBUSAN, and ending FRANCISCO J. NEUMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 17, 2009.

PN1195 ARMY nominations (4) beginning PATRICK S. CALLENDER, and ending STEVEN L. SHUGART, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 17, 2009.

PN1196 ARMY nominations (14) beginning MICHAEL A. BENNETT, and ending KEVIN M. WALKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 17, 2009.

IN THE NAVY

PN1114 NAVY nominations (2) beginning TIMOTHY M. SHERRY, and ending ROBERT N. MILLS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 22, 2009.

PN1176 NAVY nomination of Matthew P. Luff, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 2009.

PN1177 NAVY nomination of Everett F. Magann, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 2009.

PN1178 NAVY nomination of William V. Dolan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 2009.

PN1179 NAVY nominations (48) beginning BRIAN D. BARTH, and ending STACY M. WUTHIER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 2009.

NOMINATION OF VICTORIA ESPINEL

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate today confirmed Victoria Espinel as the Nation's first intellectual property enforcement coordinator. This position was created by legislation that I introduced last year and is vital to protect the intellectual property interests of United States innovators and companies. Intellectual property rights promote innovation and creativity, and the protection of those rights is critical during this time of economic uncertainty.

Ms. Espinel is extremely well qualified to serve as the President's intel-

lectual property enforcement coordinator. She has an extensive background in intellectual property issues, both foreign and domestic, and has experience in government and in the private sector. Ms. Espinel served in the Bush administration as the Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intellectual Property and Innovation. This is a nomination that deserves bipartisan support. American innovation and our intellectual property protection should not be a partisan issue.

The legislation by which we created this position took a comprehensive approach to intellectual property protection by providing Federal, State, and local law enforcement with the tools and resources they need to combat intellectual property theft. The legislation created an interagency advisory committee to develop a more efficient and cohesive approach to protecting American intellectual property. I am confident that Ms. Espinel will work well with that committee.

I look forward to working with Ms. Espinel to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our intellectual property enforcement efforts. I know her family, and was delighted to chair her confirmation hearing. I congratulate her on her Senate confirmation.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

NATIONAL MINERS DAY

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 337 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 337) designating December 6, 2009, as "National Miners Day."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 337) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 337

Whereas the foundations of civilization are constructed from, advanced by, and sustained with, the materials procured with the sweat and blood of miners;

Whereas the miners of the United States have labored long and hard over our Nation's existence to make it the economically

strong, militarily secure Nation that it is today;

Whereas miners and their families have achieved, provided, and sacrificed so much for the betterment of their fellow Americans;

Whereas miners have struggled, in their lives and in their work, to obtain health and safety protections;

Whereas the terrible mining tragedy at Monongah, West Virginia, that occurred on December 6, 1907, is recognized for causing the greatest loss of lives in American industrial history, and this tragedy helped to launch the national effort to secure the safety and health of our miners that continues to this day; and

Whereas miners still today risk life and limb in their labors: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates December 6, 2009, as "National Miners Day", in appreciation, honor, and remembrance of the accomplishments and sacrifices of the miners of the Nation; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to participate in local and national activities celebrating and honoring the contributions of miners.

PERMITTING COLLECTIONS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 369, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 369) to permit the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 369) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 369

Resolved,

SECTION 1. COLLECTION OF CLOTHING, TOYS, FOOD, AND HOUSEWARES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN SENATE BUILDINGS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of the rules or regulations of the Senate—

(1) a Senator, officer, or employee of the Senate may collect from another Senator, officer, or employee of the Senate within Senate buildings nonmonetary donations of clothing, toys, food, and housewares for charitable purposes related to serving those in need or members of the Armed Services and their families during the holiday season, if such purposes do not otherwise violate any rule or regulation of the Senate or of Federal law; and

(2) a Senator, officer, or employee of the Senate may work with a nonprofit organization with respect to the delivery of donations described in paragraph (1).

(b) EXPIRATION.—The authority provided by this resolution shall expire at the end of the 1st session of the 111th Congress.